Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

16. (Twice Amended) A method for isolating starch from a tuber of a plant comprising the steps of:

providing a cassava tuber, wherein the tuber comprises starch that has an amylopectin content of at least 95 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch;

- washing the tuber, followed by grating and milling the tuber;
- separating starch from fibers and juice in a separator;
- sieving the starch;
- washing the starch; and
- drying the starch,

~~wherein the plant is a cassava plant; and wherein the starch has an amylopectin content of at least 95 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch~~.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the starch is washed in a hydrocyclone.

18. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the starch is dried in a vacuum filter followed by drying in a drying tower.

19. (Twice Amended) A starch obtainable by a method comprising:

(a) providing a cassava tuber wherein the tuber comprises starch that has an amylopectin content of at least 95 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch; and

(b) isolating a the starch from a the cassava tuber ~~plant wherein the starch has an amylopectin content of at least 95 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch~~.

20. (Twice Amended) The method ~~starch~~ of claim 16 wherein the starch has ~~having~~ an amylopectin content of at least 98 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch.

21. (Previously Amended) The starch of claim 19 having an amylopectin content of at least 98 wt.%, based on the dry substance weight of the starch.

22. (New) A method for obtaining starch with a high amylopectin content from a tuber of a plant, the method comprising:

(a) transforming a protoplast of cassava,

(b) regenerating a cassava plant from the protoplast, and

(c) isolating starch from the cassava plant, wherein the starch has an amylopectin content of at least 95 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch.

23. (New) A method according to claim 22 wherein the starch has an amylopectin content of at least 98 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch.